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--24. An accounting method comprising:

a step of inputting money information indicating an amount of money recorded on a recording medium;

a step of judging the money information input from said input means and outputting a permission signal for permitting a use of information provided by an information provider; and

a step changing the money information based on a result of judging by said judging means.

25. A method according to Claim 24, wherein said judging step judges the money information in accordance with the money information and use charge information added to the provided information.

26. A method according to Claim 24, wherein said money information is cash.

27. A method according to Claim 24, wherein said money information is recorded in a recording medium.

28. An information receiving method for receiving information provided by an information provider, comprising:

a step of inputting money information indicating an amount of money recorded on a recording medium;

a step of judging the money information input from said input means and outputting a permission signal for permitting a use of information provided by an information provider; and

a step of changing the money information based on a result of judging said judging means.

29. A method according to Claim 28, wherein said judging step judges the money information in accordance with the money information and use charge information added to the provided information.

30. A method according to Claim 28, wherein said money information is cash.

31. A method according to Claim 28, wherein said money information is recorded in a recording medium.

32. A method according to Claim 28, further comprising communication means for transmitting use information of the provided information.

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33. A communication method comprising:
a step of providing information including first
money information from an information provider terminal;
a step of receiving and using information provided
by said information provider terminal and second money
information; and
a step of comparing the first money information and
the second money information, outputting a permission signal
for permitting a use of the information provider terminal
according to a result of the comparison, and altering the
second money information.

34. A method according to claim 33, wherein said
comparing step judges the money information in accordance
with the money information and use charge information added
to the provided information.

35. A method according to Claim 33, wherein said
money information is cash.

36. A method according to Claim 33, wherein said
money information is recorded in a recording medium.

37. A method according to Claim 33, further
comprising a communication step of transmitting use
information of the provided information.

38. A method according to Claim 37, further comprising a charge distributor step of transmitting charge distribution information to said information provider terminal in accordance with the use information.

39. A method according to Claim 37, further comprising a charge accommodating step of performing accommodation of a use charge of the provided information in accordance with the use information.

40. A method according to Claim 33, wherein cipher communication is performed between said terminals.

41. A method for accounting, comprising the steps
of:
inputting first data indicating an amount of money;
inputting second data regarding information
subscribed from an information provider to a terminal via
network;
judging whether a use of the information at the
terminal can be permitted or not, in accordance with the
first and second data; and
indicating the judgment result of a use permission.

42. A method according to Claim 41, wherein said second data includes a use charge, and said judging step judges a use permission of the information by comparing the amount of money and the use charge.

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~~43. A method according to Claim 41, wherein said first data includes data indicating the type of a recording medium in which said first data is recorded, and said judging step judges a use permission of the information in accordance with the data indicating the type.~~

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44. A method according to Claim 41, further comprising a step of rewriting the amount of money in response to a judgment operation of said judging step.

45. A method according to Claim 41, further comprising a step of outputting a use state of the information to the external of the device in response to a judgment operation of said judging step.

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~~46. A program storage medium readable by a computer, tangibly embodying a program of instructions executable by the computer to perform an accounting method, said method comprising the steps of:~~

~~inputting money information indicating an amount of money recorded on a recording medium;~~

judging the money information inputted in said input step and outputting a permission signal for permitting a use of information provided by an information provider; and changing the money information based on a result of judging in said judging step.

47. A program storage medium according to Claim 46, wherein said recording medium includes a card-type recording medium.

48. A program storage medium according to Claim 47, wherein said card-type recording medium includes a pre-paid card.

49. An accounting program storage medium readable by a computer, comprising the following steps of:

obtaining first data indicating a first amount of money;

obtaining second data indicating a second amount of money regarding an information provided from an information provider;

judging whether a use of the information can be permitted or not, in accordance with the first and second data;

rewriting the amount of money in the first data
based on the judgment operation, and
notifying the judgment result of a use permission.

50. An accounting program storage medium readable
by a computer, comprising following steps of:

obtaining first data indicating a first amount of
money recorded on a recording medium;

obtaining a second data indicating a second amount
of money regarding an information subscribed from an
information provider via network;

judging whether a use of the information can be
permitted or not, in accordance with the first and second
data;

rewriting the amount of money in the first data
based on the judgment operation, and
notifying the judgment result of a use permission.

51. A transaction system comprising:

a plurality of information providers which provide
information with a price data of the information,

a plurality of terminal devices which obtain a
money data recorded on a recording medium and the information
with the price data, in which the money data is compared with
the price data to judge if the money amount is plenty of
money for use the information, the device rewrites the money